

Subpart 532.6—Contract Debts**532.601 Definitions.**

Debt means an amount of money or property which has been determined by a responsible official to be owed to the United States from any person, or entity except that the terms do not apply to amounts owed by another Federal agency.

Delinquent debt means an amount that has not been paid or otherwise collected by the date specified (usually 30 days) in the contracting officer's initial written demand for payment (i.e., final decision letter).

Responsible official as used in this subpart means the contracting officer. However, the contract finance office is responsible for the administration of debt collection under the Accounting Operations—Accounts Receivable and Credit and Finance Operations, and Related Activities Handbook (PFM P 4253.1).

532.606 Debt determination and collection.**532.606-70 Referral of delinquent debts.**

(a) When the contracting officer determines that a debt in excess of \$100 is delinquent, the contracting officer shall forward notification of the delinquent debt to the applicable finance office for collection in accordance with the Debt Collection Act of 1982, and possible forwarding to a credit reporting agency.

(b) If the contractor appeals the contracting officer's demand for payment pursuant to the Disputes clause of its contract, the contracting officer shall advise the Finance Office whether to suspend collection efforts pending resolution of the dispute.

Subpart 532.7—Contract Funding**532.700 Scope.**

GSA fiscal regulations are contained in the Budget Administration Handbook (COM P 4251.3A), Accounting Classification Handbook (COM P 4240.1), and Accounting Operations—Voucher Examination, Payment Handbook (PFM P 4252.1).

532.705 Contract clauses.**532.705-1 Clauses for contracting in advance of funds.**

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 552.232-77, Availability of Funds, in solicitations and contracts for services which are "severable" when the contract, or a portion of the contract, will be chargeable to funds of the new fiscal year and the circumstances described in the prescriptions for the FAR clauses at 52.232-18 or 52.232-19 do not apply.

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Subpart 532.8—Assignment of Claims**532.805 Procedures.**

(a) Upon receipt of a notice of assignment, the contracting officer must obtain legal counsel concurrence that both the notice and the instrument of assignment are in proper form, properly executed, and are actions that the contractor is entitled to make under the terms of the contract.

(b) When acknowledging receipt of the notice of assignment, the contracting officer must notify the contractor that all future invoices or other requests for payment under the contract must specify the name and address of the assignee and include a notation that payments due thereunder have been duly assigned. A copy of the acknowledgement, evidencing legal counsel concurrence, must be sent to the contract finance office.

(c) When payments under requirements or indefinite quantity contracts that are for the sole use of GSA have been assigned, the contracting officer must provide all GSA offices that will place orders against the contract the name and address of the assignee that will receive amounts due under the contract. The notification should also state that the contractor has been requested to specify the name and address of the assignee on future invoices.

532.806 Contract clauses.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 552.232-23, Assignment of